

# Ohio Region Chapter News

## February 2024



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**As always, Some News from National.**

**AirVenture dates 2024: July 22 – 28**

### **EAA Education Center Becomes Focal Point for Aviation Learning**

The EAA Education Center in Oshkosh, which opened in July 2022 as a center for aviation learning for young people as well as experienced pilots, looks for additional growth in 2024 after already serving thousands of aviation enthusiasts of all ages.

The \$6.2 million Education Center is now completely funded after a final \$600,000 matching grant from the James C. Ray Foundation was met in late December. The 30,000-square-foot facility at the EAA's Aviation Center in Oshkosh was completely financed with private donations through the EAA Aviation Foundation.

"Approximately five years ago, this was merely a dream — to create a place where young people could be inspired by the world of flight while current pilots could build their existing skills," said Jack J. Pelton, EAA's CEO and Chairman of the Board. "Having now seen what has occurred here in just 18 months, we know what the support of those who believed in the dream has created, expanding the possibilities for people of all ages within EAA's aviation community based here at Oshkosh."

The Education Center is evenly divided between the Pilot Proficiency Center and the Youth Education Center. Regular classes and activities take place in each area, year-round.

In the Pilot Proficiency Center over the past year, those events included:

- A full week of pilot proficiency courses during EAA AirVenture Oshkosh
- Hundreds attending the national Redbird Migration conference.

- The National Intercollegiate Flying Association SAFECON competition in Oshkosh for the first time
- Regular open simulator sessions allow current pilots to build flying skills on Redbird simulators.

Meanwhile, the Youth Education Center has brought in thousands of young people for such events as:

- Area STEM-focused classes and charter schools seeking technology-based curriculum.
- Hundreds of school field trips and aviation exploration days, as well as half-days for homeschool students.
- Two at-capacity “Girls on the Fly” sessions for young women interested in the science of flight.
- EAA’s own Air Academy and GirlVenture programs for young people each summer

“As we close out the initial fundraising portion for the EAA Education Center’s existence, its success shows what is still possible to support EAA’s mission of growing participation in aviation,” said Margaret Brill, EAA Aviation Foundation vice president. “There are many more opportunities that we will be exploring in 2024 to connect with even more people interested in the world of flight.”

## **EAA Virtual Ultralight Days Return on February 20-22**

Building on the previous years’ successes, [EAA Virtual Ultralight Days](#) returns for a third year on February 20-22 with three days of webinars focused on the lighter side of aviation.

The 15 total webinars – five on each of the three days – run from 1-8:15 p.m. (Central time) each day. The webinars are based on the highly successful format used during the previous EAA Virtual Ultralight Days, EAA Homebuilders Week, and EAA’s popular webinar series. Well-known subject matter experts in the ultralight community will present each live session with question-and-answer periods to address specific questions.

“Ultralight flying remains as one of the most accessible forms of recreational flight while also being one of the purest,” said Timm Bogenhagen, EAA Ultralight and Light Plane Community Manager. “Virtual Ultralight Days provides a free avenue to introduce more people to this segment of aviation and grow the knowledge of those already part of this community.”

Topics covered will include how to get started in ultralights; how-to instructions on a variety of ultralight aircraft like fixed-wing, powered parachutes, powered paragliders, and weight-shift trikes; and overall informative topics on maintenance, airport operations, safety inspections, and more.

All sessions are free of charge to everyone, with the archived video presentations available to EAA members afterward. Pre-registration is encouraged, with registration links and additional schedule information available at [EAA.org/UltralightDays](http://EAA.org/UltralightDays).

## EAA Webinars



2/6	Become a Better Chapter Leader – Secretary/Treasurer	
2/7	Six Mistakes of Aircraft Maintenance	Mike Busch
2/13	F-86 Sabre (Museum Webinar Series)	Chris Henry
2/15	Mental Health & FAA Medical Certification	Tom Charpentier
2/28	Maintaining Insurability	Tom Turner

**All webinars are at 7:00 pm CDT unless otherwise noted.**

Webinars are free, but registration is required as space is limited. You can also review any of the previous webinars.

To register for one of the webinars go to: [Webinars \(eaa.org\)](http://Webinars(eaa.org))

### Chapter Recognition

Learn about EAA's Chapter Recognition program. See how your chapter can be recognized, and what opportunities are available.

EAA Chapters have always been one of the most vital components in making general aviation fun, affordable and accessible at the local level. To recognize chapters that have demonstrated outstanding commitment to general aviation, EAA rolled out the Chapter Recognition Program. This recognition is based off ten criteria that have shown to correlate with active and engaged chapters. In addition, EAA will provide continued coaching to help chapters reach the recognition threshold.

Get more information on EAA's website to help your chapter.

[Chapter Recognition | EAA](#)

## Applications Now Open for 2024 EAA Aviation Scholarships

The application process is now open for the 2024 EAA Aviation Scholarships. Flight training and post-secondary scholarships are available to everyone over the age of 16. The window to apply will close on March 1, 2024.

Flight training scholarships help cover the costs at any flight school in the United States or Canada that is not a university program. Post-secondary scholarships help pay for collegiate level programs in the United States including but not limited to aerospace or aeronautical engineering, aviation business administration, air traffic control, aviation maintenance, professional flight, or any aviation-related STEM field.

“The costs of training and education can be one of the biggest challenges students face when trying to achieve their goals,” said Becca Greskoviak, EAA scholarship and fund steward coordinator. “EAA is able to help break down that barrier through our scholarship program.”

More information about individual scholarships and online application procedures is available at EAA’s scholarship website at [EAA.org/Scholarships](https://www.eaa.org/Scholarships). Scholarships are administered through the EAA Aviation Foundation.

## EAA Chapter 1625 Chillicothe (SE Ohio) Ross County KRZT

Please check out our Facebook page for the latest up to date information

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/2221359754604751/>

Or check out our website at <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1625>

Our Chapter dues are \$ 10.00 per year. Checks (made out to EAA Chapter 1625) can be mailed with your information such as Name, address, email, phone, EAA National #, aviation interests to Darlene Ford 2776 Kenilworth Rd. Columbus, OH 43219.

Our February meeting will be on February 10, 2024, at 9 AM. We will meet at Ross County Airport (KRZT) 1296 Stone Rd Chillicothe; OH, Everyone is welcome to attend. We welcome your input.

You can email us at [FirstCapitalAviators@gmail.com](mailto:FirstCapitalAviators@gmail.com) or call us at 614-557-1170

## EAA Chapter 1629, Marysville, OH Union County Airport (KMRT)

As always you can visit our website at <http://eaa1629.org> for the latest up to date information. You can also check our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/MarysvilleEAAChapter1629/>

**Also if you would like to renew your membership or join the Chapter, you can do so in one of three ways:** To renew your membership with a credit card or PayPal go to the following link: <https://eaa1629.org> and click the Join or Renew link on the left.

Mail a check for \$10.00 made payable to The Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 to Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 760 Clymer Rd. Marysville, OH 43040 Or you can bring a check for \$10.00 made payable to the Marysville EAA Chapter 1629 or \$10.00 cash (Correct Change preferred) to any of the Marysville EAA 1629 functions.



You can contact us for more details on the IMC Club meetings via email. Dr. Michael Stretanski, President of 1629 is our Coordinator along with Andrew Hale and me, Darlene Ford as co-coordinators. Email [marysvilleeaachapter@gmail.com](mailto:marysvilleeaachapter@gmail.com) Our IMC meetings will be taking a summer break. We will be back in November. You can check out the Facebook page also, EAA Chapter 1629 IMC Club. Our next IMC meeting will be on February 21st. We are still meeting at Switchbox, Inc. located at 4500 Mobile Drive Columbus, OH 43220.



Monday, Apr 8, 2024

Solar Eclipse Fly-In, Marysville, OH

*Union County Airport (MRT), Marysville, OH*

Monday, April 8, 2024 - Marysville, OH. Union County Airport KMRT.

Solar Eclipse Fly-In, 11am - 3:30pm at the Union County Airport, Marysville Ohio 760 Clymer Rd, Marysville, OH 43040. Union County Airport is in the zone of totality for almost 3 minutes!

Partial phase start: 13:55:23 EDT GMT-4. Duration of Totality: 2m 56.5s. Totality Start: 15:10:57 EDT GMT-4.

Mid-eclipse: 15:12:25 EDT GMT-4. Fly-In early and have a great BBQ lunch featuring Triple P Barbeque Co, then watch the eclipse. Once the airport parking ramp is full, the airport will be NOTAM'ed closed until after the eclipse. Free admission!

**Contact:** Steve

**Website:** <https://www.unioncountyohio.gov/Airport-Authority>



Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at Zanesville Municipal Airport (ZZV). We start gathering around 5 to talk and have some refreshments. The meeting will start at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to attend. Come on out to see what we do and hopefully you will join the Chapter. You do not have to fly Vintage Aircraft to join. Please think about coming out to join us. We are an aviation friendly club where there are no strangers.

Also, if you do not have an email address on file to receive the newsletter 'Tailwinds' and would like to, please send me an email at [DAFord1957@gmail.com](mailto:DAFord1957@gmail.com)



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AeroEducate is a way for students, teachers, parents, and EAA chapters to interact with aviation in a whole new way. By signing up for a FREE AeroEducate account, you can find awesome web-based projects, experiments, and experiences that can earn points toward progressive AeroEducate Badges. <https://www.aeroeducate.org/>



**The Lake County Executive Airport** (LNN) in Willoughby, OH will be hosting a Total Solar Eclipse Watch Party on Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup> from 11am to 4pm. The airport will have music, food trucks and many related activities to create memories and fun for the whole family. Reservations required for all aircraft (event landing fees will apply). **Free admission!**

The last total solar eclipse to pass over the greater Cleveland area happened in 1806 and the next total solar eclipse to be seen in Ohio is expected to be in 2099. Don't miss this unique venue for an incredible view! Solar glasses will be provided for the first 1,000 visitors. **Bring your lawn chairs and dress for the weather!**

For more information or to make aircraft reservations, contact the airport manager, Patty Fulop, at 440-321-9036 or by email at [Pfulop@LDAuthority.org](mailto:Pfulop@LDAuthority.org).



### **EAA 1525 Pancake Breakfast**

**Sat, Feb 3, 2024**

**8:00 AM - 10:30 AM**

Address: 1800 Rodney Hitch Blvd. Morehead, KY

Contact: James Taylor

[chapters.eaa.org/ea1525](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea1525)

Saturday February 3rd, Experimental Aircraft Association, Chapter 1525 will host its monthly pancake breakfast at the Morehead-Rowan County Clyde A Thomas Regional Airport. This event is held on the 1st Saturday of each month, 8:00 – 10:30 AM serving pancakes with a side of sausage and eggs. The price is \$5.00 per person and the proceeds will support EAA flight programs for those interested in aviation including programs such as Eagle Flights and Young Eagles programs. Airport - KSYM

### **EAA Chapter 113 Frostbite Chili Fly-In**

**Sat, Feb 3, 2024 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Address: 8512 N. Lilley Rd Canton, MI 48187

Canton MI 48187

Contact: John Maxfield Phone: -248-890-6767

[www.eaa113.org](http://www.eaa113.org)

EAA Chapter 113's annual Frostbite Chili Fly-In. Bring a pot of your favorite Chili or a dessert to share or just try one already here. Hot Dogs and beverages are available for a donation too. Held in the climate-controlled hangar of the EAA 113 Aviation Center rain or shine.



## *EAA Chapter 421 Urbana Ohio*

### **Monthly Chapter Gatherings:**

First Saturday of Each Month at 10:00 AM Grimes Field Airport - I74, 1652 N. Main St. Urbana, OH 43078 **EAA Chapter 421** has a new meeting place. We are now meeting in the Grimes Flying Lab Hangar, the first Saturday of each month. All are welcome. **Thank you to Jessica Deere** for allowing us to meet there. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/chapter421>. **This is a new improved facebook page!**

**Chapter Contact Information:** President, Mark Curtner 937-726-1244

### **GRIMES FIELD (I74) URBANA, OHIO UPDATE**

**1. Mid America Flight Museum of Texas Restoration Shop** – currently with a New Standard they have restored and are now finishing. Monday through Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm) They now have a Beechcraft B-18 on site. Volunteers are always welcome!

**2. Grimes Flying Lab Museum**, which has one of Grimes's original Beech C45 aircraft that flies at special occasions, events, July 4<sup>th</sup>, etc. and examples of many of the lights and equipment that Grimes built (Hours – April thru November Saturdays 10 to 1)

**3. Champaign Aviation Museum** – Building B-17 Champaign Lady, flying B-25 Champaign Gal, Stinson, Fairchild, COD1 (Hours Tuesday thru Saturday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

### **Grimes is the only Airport in the U.S. with 3 museums.**

**4. Grimes Airport Café** – New Owners Mindy & Chat Orahood – same great food, adding some new dishes. Still making pies 100% from scratch, crust, filling, etc. (Hours – Tuesday thru Saturday 7:00 am to 8:00 pm, Sunday 8:00 am to 2:30 pm)

**5. Ohio Hi Point Career Center** (Bellefontaine) has an aviation class here. Champaign County high school students attend class for the first half of the day, then after lunch attend workshop/class here at Grimes where they learn about aviation. (Pilotage, maintenance, administration, riveting, etc.)

**6. Champaign County Pilots' Association** meets first Wednesday monthly at Champaign Aviation Museum, library/training room – All are welcome

## Waco Air Museum

February 22nd, Dave Bucher will give a presentation on crop dusting with lots of great stories. More information will follow, so check the website!

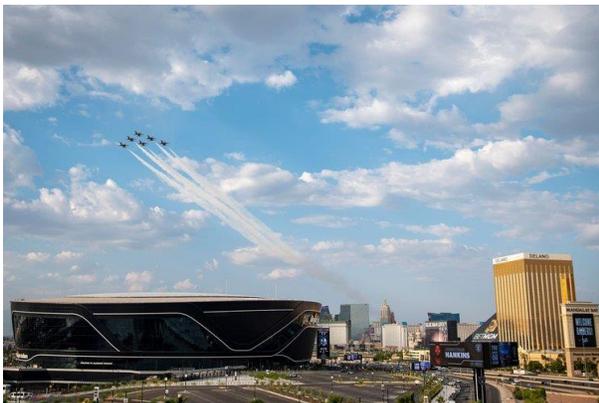
*WACO Air Museum & Learning Center*

*1865 S. County Rd. 25A*

*Troy, OH 45373*

*937-335-9226*

[www.wacoairmuseum.org](http://www.wacoairmuseum.org)



The United States Air Force Thunderbirds announced earlier this week that they will conduct a flyover during the National Anthem performance at Super Bowl LVIII, February 11, 2024 over Allegiant Stadium.

Typically, the United States Air Force Thunderbirds make their season debut each year in Florida with a flyover at the Great American Race, The Daytona 500. This year, the 2024 team will debut one week earlier right in their hometown of Las Vegas, Nevada.

With Super Bowl LVIII being held just down the road from the Nellis Air Force Base, it's only right that the Thunderbirds be the team to kick off one of the world's most-watched annual events. The last time the Thunderbirds graced the skies above a Super Bowl was 2019 when they conducted a flyover of Super Bowl LIII over Mercedes-Benz Stadium in Atlanta, Georgia. Super Bowl LVIII will be the first Super Bowl to be hosted in Las Vegas, or any city in Nevada for that matter. Allegiant Stadium opened in 2020 and is home to the Las Vegas Raiders. The Thunderbirds kicked off the first ever game played in Allegiant Stadium with a flyover September 21, 2020.

Following their Super Bowl LVIII flyover, the Thunderbirds will fly to Daytona Beach, Florida, where they'll conduct a flyover of the 2024 Daytona 500 on Sunday, February 18. The Daytona 500 will be the 2024 team's last public appearance prior to their first air show of the 2024 season March 23-24 at Luke Air Force Base in Arizona.

## **EAA's Blog –**

Some great short stories, interesting information - Check it out!

[Hangar Flying \(eaa.org\)](http://eaa.org)

<https://inspire.eaa.org>

## **EAA Chapter 55 Mason, MI (KTEW)**

Meets the second Saturday of each month in our (heated) hangar meeting room at Mason Jewett Field (KTEW) in Mason, MI. We serve a complimentary breakfast (free will donations accepted) from 8am-9am. We will have a short business meeting at 9:30am, followed with an aviation themed program. Guests are always welcome for breakfast, meeting, and/or program.



Fort Wayne, IN

Coming Events:

Thursday February 8 — Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field. · VMC Club, 6:30. Topic TBD. · Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Topic TBD.

Thursday March 14 — Ivy Tech Aviation Center at Smith Field. · VMC Club, 6:30. Topic TBD. · Chapter 2 Gathering, 7:00 PM. Topic TBD

LOOKING AHEAD YOUNG EAGLES 2024 For your planning, our Young Eagle Rallies for 2024 are May 11, June 8, August 10, and September 14, all at Smith Field Airport. Hope you can join us for some of these rallies. We have a lot of fun, and the kids learn a lot. Spread the word, invite your family and friends.  
David and Laramie Resler Young Eagle Coordinators



**Terre Haute Regional Airport, Terre Haute, IN (KHUF)**

HUF is a GA airport located approximately 6 miles east of downtown Terre Haute. HUF has a top notch FBO Hoosier Aviation, a bustling restaurant Corsair Cafe, along with many other businesses supporting those in the aviation industry.

The city of Terre Haute has TONS to do with several hotels and eateries, making it a perfect weekend destination.

## EAA Chapter 846, Wadsworth, OH

Chapter Location Hangar M-1 Wadsworth Skypark Airport (15G) 3071 Greenwich Road  
Wadsworth, OH 44281

**Chapter Gathering** Thursday, February 8, 7pm – 9pm

**Ch. 846 VMC Club** Tuesday, February 27, 7pm – 8pm



Tuesday - Sunday, Apr 9-14, 2024

SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo, Lakeland, FL

*Lakeland Linder International Airport ([KLAL](#)), [Lakeland, FL](#)*

From its humble beginnings in 1974 as a fly-in for sport aviation enthusiasts, the SUN 'n FUN Aerospace Expo has grown into one of the largest and most successful aviation events on earth. We are Florida's largest annual convention of any kind, and each year over 200,000 visitors flock to what has become known as Aviation's Season Opener or Spring Break for Pilots.

Pilots flying into the Expo are fascinated by the vision of hundreds of aircraft showcased in all shapes and sizes. Aircraft areas include Vintage, Homebuilt, Aerobatic, Warbird, Jet, and Light Sport. To serve all those flying in, a major trade show is part of SUN 'n FUN. Over 500 exhibitors have an incredible lineup of products and services, hands-on workshops teach hundreds of building and maintenance skills, and dozens of forums educate pilots and maintainers about safety, new products, and an infinite number of other timely topics. Not just for pilots, SUN 'n FUN has STEM and Career Fair activities, plus a Family Fun Zone and, of course, our world-famous daily and night airshows that feature breathtaking displays from dozens of military and civilian performers.

**Website:** <http://www.flysnf.org>



EAA's local Chapters 1095 is about people, bringing together individuals interested in learning more about aviation as well as sharing their own knowledge.

Chapter members participate in a variety of social and educational activities, including Young Eagles rallies, fly-ins, building seminars, and more, to build awareness in the community.

**EAA Name Tags** if you would like to order name tags for your members or at least your officers please check out Chapter 1095's website. These name tags are very professional looking and hold up well. <https://chapters.eaa.org/ea1095/ea1-name-tags>



Meetings: 2nd Wednesday 7:00 PM

Meeting Location: Delaware Municipal Airport (DLZ) Terminal Building  
1075 Pittsburg Drive Delaware OH 43015

**Just a note – if you have an airplane project that you would like to sell, please send me details and pictures if you have them. I will place them in the newsletter here for those that are interested. There is no cost to advertise tools, planes, parts etc. in the newsletter. We are here to help you sell, give etc. whatever to others that may have a need for it. You never know what you may find for sale or give here. This is a way to help others.**

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We are a local chapter of Women in Aviation International, based in Dayton, Ohio – where it all began.

To learn more or if you have questions, email us at

[womeninaviationhuffmanprairie@gmail.com](mailto:womeninaviationhuffmanprairie@gmail.com)

"WAI members seek to inspire and stand for encouragement, continued education, and a whole lot of fun! If you're a lover of all things aviation and aerospace, and enjoy sharing your passion with others, we'd love to have you" ~WAI.

Our local chapter is a network of women and supporters in the aviation industry. We are engineers, pilots, maintainers, supply chain, and more with a passion for aviation. We enjoy social events like painting nights, hangar parties, and airshows. Other events include tours, community events, the annual conference and the big GIAD! WAI also offers connections to careers and scholarships, and this year one of our members was selected for a maintenance scholarship to finish her school. Please reach out to us if you have any questions. Also, please see links below for how to sign up at WAI and to check out our chapter. We look forward to helping you pursue your aviation career and network.

<https://www.wai.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/huffmanprwai>

WAI offers free student membership, and our chapter offers free participation as well. If interested in membership please reach out to our chapter, WAI offers many benefits to students and young adults entering the aviation industry.

***Our next Quarterly meeting will be on February 17<sup>th</sup> at 10 AM. We meet at Greene County/Lewis A Jackson Regional Airport (KGDK). The airport is located at 140 N. Valley Rd Xenia, OH. We welcome new members and those that are curious about who we are. Some come on by and join us.***

**EAA AIRVENTURE  
OSHKOSH  
2024**





Chapter 333, Experimental Aircraft Association, Inc.

The *Flying Stinkers* (named after the famous *Little Stinker* airplane)

4322 S State Rd Ann Arbor MI 48108-9774

Eric Gettel, President

[chapters.eaa.org/ea333](http://chapters.eaa.org/ea333)

[ea333president@gmail.com](mailto:ea333president@gmail.com)

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## Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin, Sheboygan Falls, WI (KSBM)

The purpose of the Aviation Heritage Center of Wisconsin is to foster knowledge in science, technology, engineering, and math through the world of aviation. –



### Buckeye Air Fare & AOPA Fly-In 2024

Buckeye Air Fare & AOPA Fly-In 2024

February 17th - 18<sup>th</sup> Buckeye Municipal Airport (KBXK) Buckeye, Arizona

Be sure to bring the entire family! Buckeye Air Fair will have lots of activities for kids to do at the Buckeye Aviation Academy area including the Arizona SciTech area (free) and the Kids Zone.

#### Featured Performers

- USAF A-10 Thunderbolt II Demo
- Jon Melby [Pitts S-1-11B]
- Nathan Hammond [Super Chipmunk]
- Kyle Franklin [Super Cub]
- NextGen Eagles Aerobatic Team [Christen Eagle (x 2)]
- Red Thunder Airshows [Yak-50 (x 2)]
- Desert Rats [Nanchang CJ-6s]
- Aerial Extreme Skydiving Team

Announcer: Jeff Overby



### Boyne Mountain Resort, Boyne Falls, MI (KBFA)

Boyne Mountain KBFA is a FABULOUS year 'round resort with golf and many summer activities and one of the best winter ski mountains in the mid-west. A short 8-minute stroll from the airport and its brand-new runway to the chalet. -



### The Bull and Thistle

### Pub, Gainesboro, TN (1A7)

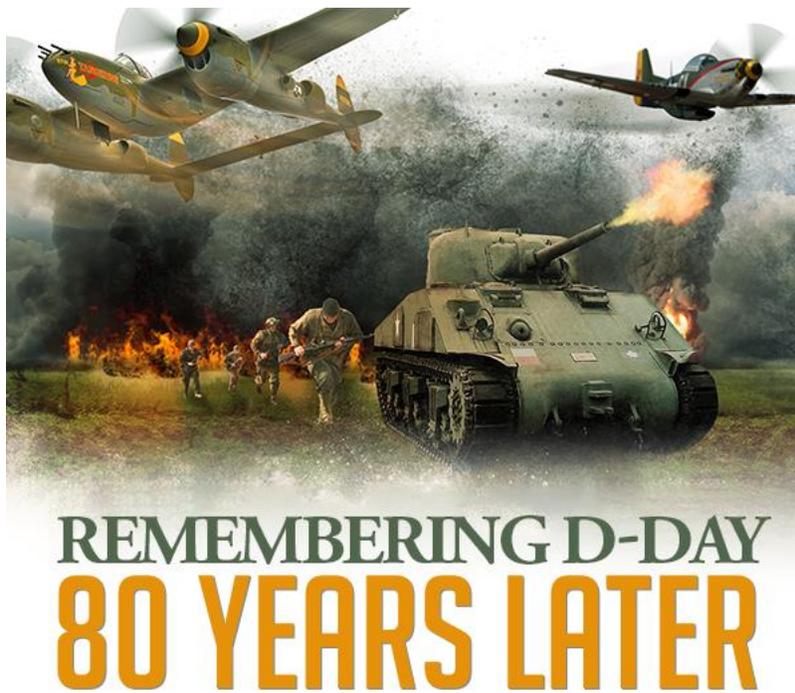
The Bull and Thistle Pub offers delicious food, 20 beers and ciders on tap, and a full bar in a warm and welcoming atmosphere reminiscent of old Dublin. Our friendly staff will take great care of you as you enjoy lunch, dinner, or Sunday brunch. We're located only 3 miles from Jackson County Airport, and it's our pleasure to pick you up! Open Friday-Sunday, The Bull Thistle is your perfect weekend destination in beautiful Jackson County!



Tickets are now available for our most popular after-hours event, After Dark: Swing the Night Away! Put on your dancing shoes and kick up your heels Sat., Feb. 10, at the Museum. This special, adult-only, 21+ event will feature a wood dance floor open to all ability levels. There will be food and a cash bar. Tickets are \$40 per person.

[Get your tickets today](#)

[https://airforcemuseum.centeredgeonline.com/movie/buyticketswithdate/113?bbeml=tp-e\\_FquZ4ZnUSyjl2\\_yoM58Q.jOI8vOGbyZk6D-\\_cyddy8Kw.r6f7ixM\\_uFEqoHtJiaUeRcw.lljISYp2NPEq8JiqEIsNsRw](https://airforcemuseum.centeredgeonline.com/movie/buyticketswithdate/113?bbeml=tp-e_FquZ4ZnUSyjl2_yoM58Q.jOI8vOGbyZk6D-_cyddy8Kw.r6f7ixM_uFEqoHtJiaUeRcw.lljISYp2NPEq8JiqEIsNsRw)



## REMEMBERING D-DAY 80 YEARS LATER

**We are honored to announce the addition of Battlefield Europe - WWII Battle Reenactment to the 2024 Columbus Air Show lineup. Their performance will help us to commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day.**

Air Show attendees will be transported back in time with the sights and sounds of warfare in Europe with restored replica tanks, infantry reenactors and close air support fighter aircraft from WWII. This reenactment will commemorate the 80th anniversary of D-Day and will show a piece of what a battle was like in a small sector of the Normandy battlefield. This battle changed the tide of the war in the Allies' favor and helped them continue to advance on Germany.

Don't miss this powerful reenactment at the 2024 Columbus Air Show June 14-16 at Rickenbacker International Airport.

**PURCHASE TICKETS**

[https://columbusairshow.com/tickets-2024/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=eblast&utm\\_campaign=battlefield+europe](https://columbusairshow.com/tickets-2024/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=eblast&utm_campaign=battlefield+europe)



Cleveland, Ohio (January 23, 2024) – In the lead up to America’s 250th anniversary, the International Women’s Air & Space Museum (IWASM) announced today it received a Buckeye Impact Grant from the [America 250-Ohio Commission](#) for its upcoming project titled, “Sharing the Stories of Women in Air & Space Through Educational Programming.” Women’s lasting impact on air and space history permeates every facet of our collective history. With funding from the Buckeye Impact Grant, IWASM will create in-classroom supplemental resources for teachers in grades 7-12, exploring the dynamic history of women and Ohio’s roles in the development of air and space history.

“We’re grateful to the America 250-Ohio Commission for the support of this project,” said IWASM Executive Director Sara Fisher. “Together we are demonstrating the integral role Ohio and women have played in shaping the past, present, and future of the aviation and aerospace fields. For more than 120 years, women like Katharine Wright, the Curtiss-Wright Cadettes, and so many more have been footnotes to our collective history. Through this project, we will work to ensure that their stories are shared with students statewide to understand where we’ve come and where we will go as a state and a nation.”

The Buckeye Impact Grants offer up to \$50,000 for projects with a statewide, regional, or significant local impact. These projects may include significant exhibitions, regional commemorative activities, substantial digital and documentary media projects and signature public events.

“The America 250-Ohio Commission congratulates the International Women’s Air & Space Museum on this grant award. Their efforts in educating the public and honoring Ohio’s illustrious history are deeply appreciated,” said Doug Preisse, co-chair of the America 250-Ohio Commission. “As we near America’s 250th anniversary, these projects will play an essential role

in elevating our state's history and bolstering our communities' efforts to execute impactful initiatives during such a monumental celebration.”

IWASM was one of the 23 recipients chosen from the more than 70 statewide applications during the grant program's fall 2023 funding cycle. The America 250-Ohio Commission grants program will work with [Ohio Humanities](#) to distribute \$1 million in grants by June 30, 2024, and it is designed to showcase the achievements, struggles, honors, innovations and significance of all people in Ohio since before its founding to the present day. Themes identified for Ohio's commemoration of America's 250th anniversary programming include:

- Celebrations and Signature Events: Impacting tourism and economic development.
- Ohio Originals: Highlighting points of pride and unity
- Engaging Youth and Lifelong Learners: Education and scholarship
- Inclusive Statewide Engagement: Museums, arts, and culture
- Telling Ohio Stories: Highlighting stories of Ohioans past and present

For more information on the International Women's Air & Space Museum, visit [www.iwasm.org](http://www.iwasm.org).



**In case you haven't heard, there is a new TV show that just dropped called *Masters of the Air*! This show tells the incredible story of the 100th Bomb Group, a B-17 Flying Fortress Unit in the Eighth Air Force during WWII.**

As you may know, B-17s played a vital role in Europe during WWII by going on dangerous daylight bombing missions over Germany. During these missions, they took on heavy fire

and quickly became known for their ability to bring their crews back to base despite taking on heavy damage.

In honor of the debut of *Masters of the Air*, we are partnering with the Yankee Air Museum for one lucky person and a friend to experience the ride of a lifetime in the B-17 “Yankee Lady”, which is one of only three actively flying B-17s in the U.S., at the 2024 Columbus Air Show!

**How to enter for a chance to win a ride in a B-17:**

Head over to either our Facebook or Instagram page and in the comments tell us what you’re looking forward to the most about the show in June OR tell us about your favorite air show memory.



[https://www.instagram.com/columbusairshow/?utm\\_source=eblast&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=b17contest](https://www.instagram.com/columbusairshow/?utm_source=eblast&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=b17contest)



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**This contest will close next Saturday, Feb. 3, at midnight. We will randomly select a winner on Sunday. Rides will only be good for Friday, June 14. Admission to the air show is not included.**

Good luck! We can’t wait to read what everyone has to say!

You can see the “Yankee Lady” performing at the show AND purchase a flight experience on it at the 2024 Columbus Air Show June 14-16. Learn more on our website.

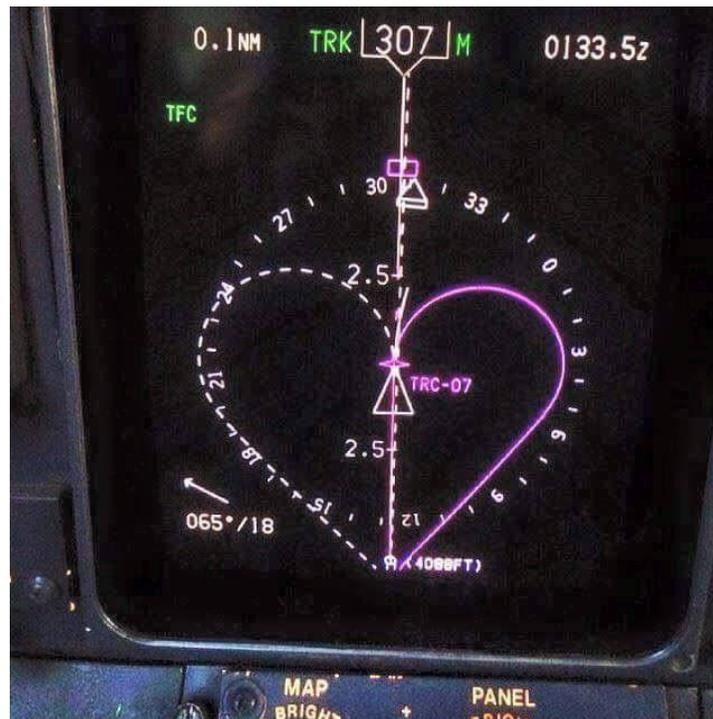
**B-17 FLIGHT EXPERIENCE**



The EAA Education Center in Oshkosh, which opened in July 2022 as a center for aviation learning for young people as well as experienced pilots, looks for additional growth in 2024 after already serving thousands of aviation enthusiasts of all ages.

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*Happy Valentines Day*

This newsletter goes out to the EAA Chapters in Ohio, Indiana, West Virginia, Kentucky, Michigan, and Pennsylvania. It also goes out to the FBO's in those states. So, if you are planning to host an event and would like to get the information out there, this is one of the places to do so. There is NO cost to advertise your events or your Airport Restaurant.

We would like to put your events or happenings in the Ohio Region Chapter Newsletter. So please feel free to get the article to me about a week before the end of the month. This way it can be included in the following month's newsletter. If you have an interesting story you want to share, send it.

If someone from your Chapter, or on the airfield has a plane, parts, or tools they want to sell or give away let us know. It can be included in the newsletter. There is NO cost for this.

Please share this with your fellow Chapter members, aviator friends and your local FBO's. You never know who would be interested in one of the articles/events in the newsletter. Or if you received this from a friend and would like to receive it directly, please let me know.

Send in your comments as to what you would like to see in the newsletter. We like those human-interest stories, especially those with pictures.

**Send articles for the March newsletter to me by February 20<sup>th</sup> if possible. Email them to [Daford1957@gmail.com](mailto:Daford1957@gmail.com)**

**Thanks again and enjoy the newsletter.**

*Darlene Ford*